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Gualities of the Russia Page ment is hereby regraded to Confidential in accordance with the Confidence of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the .Nov. 1949 Director of Central Intelligence to the 25X1Archivist of the United States. DATE OF INFO. SUPPLEMENT TO 8009 25X1X REPORT NO. JUN 15:0 Development Date: By: 1732 The "alert police" units and the "border police" units were 25X1X the only militarily organized police units up to the spring of 1949. The concentration into barracks of the Soviet Zone "safety police" was observed in the subsequent period. c. It can be inferred that the "alert police" units, being a police force which may be committed in case of emergency, had to fill the vacuum between the initial phase of the activation of a military police force and the completion of the concentration into barracks of large police units. d. The trends in the future development of the police seem to indicate that the "alert police" units and the militarized "safety police" units may be blended into some sort of a "police army". e. The "border police", contingents of which were and are still being, reassigned to the "alert police" and to the militarized "safety police" units, has remained a self-sustaining police force, independent of the "alert police" and the militarized "safety police". The duty of the "municipal police" and "traffic police" is by now performed mostly by women police. 25X1X Strengths

a. Paramilitary Police billeted in barracks

The "alert police" consisted of 40 "alert police" units of 250 men each, i.e. a total of 10,000 police, in December 1948. The "safety police" which was not yet militarized but was obviously scheduled to be militarized and militarily trained, numbered about 38,000 men.

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and "safety police" units totaled 88,000 men on 1 August 1949. Dinco the various sources failed to supply detailed information on police in some parts of the loviet one of Germany, the total of militarized "salert police" and "safety police" personnel is estimated to be at least 100,000. This estimate indicates that the militarized "alert police" and "safety police" has been doubled in strength since the end of 1948.

b. "Berder Police"

According to careful calculation, the "border police" personnel in the Soviet Mone of Permany numbered about 14,000 in the spring of 1949. The continual observation in the meantime of the known "border police" posts indicated that the "border police" personnel in numerous border sectors (on which previous data were available for comparison) was increased by 100 to 150 percent. The "border police" posts and sector headquarters were also established in numerous towns. It is assumed that the "border police" personnel was not only reinforced in the observed border sectors, but in all other border sectors of the boriet Mone of Germany. According to careful calculation the present strength of the "border police", including the border police area headquarters (Grenzpolizei-Bereitschaften), is estimated at about 40,000. his estimate indicates that the "border police" personnel has been tripled since the spring of 1949.

e. Other Police

Pertinent data on the strengths of the criminal, political, railroad, etc. police are lacking. It does not appear premature to infer that the mentioned police categories were increased by about 100 percent, analogous to the increase of the militarized elect police and "safety police". Is the personnel of the mentioned police categories totaled about 20,000 in December 1948, the present strength is estimated at about 40,000.

d. The strength of the entire loviet one police is estimated in the following minimum figures:

(1'militarized "alert police" and "safety police": 100,000 (2) "Border police": 40,000 (3) Other police categories: Total: 180,000

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3. irmament

a. On the whole, the militarized alert police" and safety police" units have so far been equipped only with light infantry weapons. Only a few separate sources reported that some units were launed 76.2-rm antitank guns of loviet origin.

b. Folice units equipped with imfentry cuns and mortars are said to be located in LUDIGELUST (E. 54/T 53) and RRAFLSTORF (E. 54/T 13).

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c. No artillery pieces and tanks have been observed with police units.

d. The following types of ammunition were issued to police units:

The MA, KARLSHOWST, ordered the following assumition to be sideped to the KKARPHITZ (M 53/. 64) a minition dump up to 15 August 1949, and to be placed at the disposal of the police in the Province of Prandenburg:

88-mm antiaircraft ammunition: 153 tons (i.e. 15,500 shells, if one shell weighs 10 kg)

Hand grenades: ntitank mines: Engineer explosives: Infantry ammunition: 80 and 120-mm mortar ammunition: 17,300 shells

30 tons 107 tons 1,000 tons

19,300

Nore shipments of ammunition are to arrive.

Artillery elmunition for the Brondenburg police is folloged to be stockpiled in the JUNTURBOG (52/0 69) ammunition depot.

f. Plans have been made to equip the police with infantry guns u to 31 December 1949.

Training

- a. The mass of the militarized "alert police" and "safety nolice" has been trained with infantry weapons, such as carbines, pistols, submachine g ns, light machine g ns, heavy machine guns and mortars.
- Some police units were trained in antitank defense.
- c. The GROEFILLIV (N 52/A 01) "Thaelmonn Brigade" is said to be trained with all modern Soviet weamons, including tanks, tho
- Next to/military training, political indoctrination on Parxist lines is emphasized for the militarized "alert police" and "safety police". "echnical police subjects are dealt with only superficially.

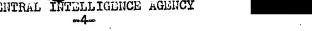
Fighting ualities

- a. The fighting qualities of the militarized "elert nelice" and "safety police" depend on the composition of personnel.
- b. The police personnel may be classified into the following categories:
- (1) Young (18 to 25-year-old) Tobiclist Thity arty members, functic larkists, thoroughly indoctrinated (the najority).
- (2) Returned F's, older men up to 35 years of age, some of whom are graduates of "intifa" courses, others opportunists only, all of them experienced in military matters.
- (5) Soviet Lone residents, 18 to 25 years of age, who cvaded the compulsory draft for industrial work (especially in the uranium mines near [1711] by joining the police.

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- .. (4) Eigh-ranking officers, fanatic Communists, some of whom are outstanding experts in the military field.
- their numerical strength and potentialities, the pro-Soviet element prevails in the Soviet one police. In view of both the almost complete met of cavesdroppers and informants and the increasing success of the political indoctrination within the police, it can be stated that the kaserned "alert police" and "safety police" is growing into a military instrument of high striking power in the hands of a Soviet-submissive Soviet Cone Cernan Government.

25X1A Comment:

It is assumed that the police in each of the other loviet lone provinces were issued as much ammunition as the police in the Province of Brandenburg.

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